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Title: GAMING DEVICE WITH BONUS SCHEME HAVING MULTIPLE SYMBOL MOVEMENT AND ASSOCIATED AWARDS
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AFFIDAVIT OF ANTHONY J. BAERLOCHER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Sir:

I, Anthony J. Baerlocher, being duly sworn, hereby state:

1. I am employed by IGT as a Director of Game Design.
2. I am one of the named inventors of the subject matter claimed in the above-identified patent application. I am generally familiar with the subject matter claimed in the above-identified patent application, and I am generally familiar with the inventions disclosed and claimed therein.
3. I read the current claims of the present invention. I believe that the claimed invention was conceived at least as early as December 23, 1998.
4. A redacted IGT Project Report for the commercial embodiment of a game incorporating this invention is attached hereto as Exhibit A. This Project Report is a true and accurate historical report of the development of the commercial embodiment of this game.

5. A redacted description of the development of the commercial embodiment of the claimed invention evidencing conception of the invention at least as early as December 23, 1998 is located on page 1 of the Project Report under Project Level Comments. An entry in the Project Report on December 23, 1998 states, "Please develop a new five line vision slot game called 'Fox 'n' Hound.... The bonus feature will be a chase game between the fox and the hound. Both characters will start on the looping track with the fox getting a head start. They will alternate moving with the fox going first via a reel or some other device to move them a random number of locations along the track. Wherever the fox lands a prize will be added to the win meter. The chase continues until either the fox catches the hound, in which case a bonus will occur; or the hound catches the fox."

6. The claimed invention was reduced to practice at least as early as December 15, 1999, as shown on page 2 of Exhibit A. On that date, a gaming device implementing the commercial embodiment of the claimed invention was submitted to Gaming Control Board in Nevada.

7. The gaming device implementing the claimed invention was approved by the Nevada Gaming Control Board on January 12, 2000, as shown on page 2 of Exhibit A.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signature



Name: Anthony J. Baerlocher

Date Signed

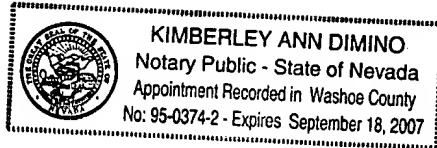


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State of Nevada)
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this 19 day of April, 2004.

Kimberley Ann Dimino
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***** Project Number: 39251.03 *****

Project Desc: FOX 'N' HOUND VISION

Requested By: A. BAERLOCHER

- - - - - PROJECT LEVEL COMMENTS - - - - -
BENEFIT TO IGT: NEW VISION GAME.

PLEASE DEVELOP A NEW FIVE LINE VISION SLOT GAME CALLED "FOX 'N' HOUND". THIS GAME WILL BE FOR RELEASE 8.	12/23/98
THE BASE GAME WILL BE A STANDARD 5 LINE 5 COIN GAME. THE RESULTS OF THESE GAMES WILL EFFECT THE BONUS DISPLAYED ON THE LCD.	12/23/98
THE BONUS FEATURE WILL BE ACTIVATED ON ANY BET PAYLINE WITH THE INITIATING COMBINATION.	12/23/98
THE BONUS FEATURE WILL BE A CHASE GAME BETWEEN THE FOX AND THE HOUND. BOTH CHARACTERS WILL START ON THE LOOPING TRACK WITH THE FOX GETTING A HEAD START. THEY WILL ALTERNATE MOVING WITH THE FOX GOING FIRST VIA A REEL OR SOME OTHER DEVICE TO MOVE THEM A RANDOM NUMBER OF LOCATIONS ALONG THE TRACK. WHEREVER THE FOX LANDS A PRIZE WILL BE ADDED TO THE WIN METER. THE CHASE CONTINUES UNTIL EITHER THE FOX CATCHES THE HOUND, IN WHICH CASE A BONUS WILL OCCUR; OR THE HOUND CATCHES THE FOX.	12/23/98
THE GRAPHICS THEME SHOULD BE FUN AND GO ALONG WITH THE EXISTING GLASS STYLE. EXACT GAME SPECIFICATIONS WILL CHANGE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT.	12/23/98
PAYOUTABLES TO FOLLOW. SEE ANTHONY BAERLOCHER WITH QUESTIONS.	12/23/98

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- - - - - Compliance Task Details - - - - -
Task : 1 FOX N-HOUND

Program
BGM00095

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Juris	Description	Sts	Scd Dt	Act Sbm	Est Apv	Act Apv
AZI	ARIZONA INDIANS	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
CO.	COLORADO	LAB	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	
CTI	CONNECTICUT INDIANS	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
IA	IOWA	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
IAI	IOWA INDIANS	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
IL	ILLINOIS	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	3/14/00	3/01/00
IN	INDIANA	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	3/14/00	3/01/00
KSI	KANSAS INDIANS	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
LA	LOUISIANA RIVERBOATS	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
LAI	LOUISIANA INDIANS	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
MI	MICHIGAN	TCA	2/02/00	2/02/00	4/02/00	2/22/00
MII	MICHIGAN INDIANS	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
MO	MISSOURI	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
MS	MISSISSIPPI	TCA	12/22/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	4/04/00
MSI	MISSISSIPPI INDIANS	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
NDI	NORTH DAKOTA INDIANS	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
NMI	NEW MEXICO INDIANS	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
NV	NEVADA	TCA	12/25/99	12/15/99	1/29/00	1/12/00
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
SDI	SOUTH DAKOTA INDIANS	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
WII	WISCONSIN INDIANS	TCA	12/21/99	12/15/99	2/13/00	3/01/00
CAI	CALIFORNIA INDIANS	TCA	5/17/00	5/17/00	7/16/00	6/16/00
NJ	NEW JERSEY	TCA	6/05/00	6/02/00	8/31/00	8/28/00
PR	PUERTO RICO	TCA	6/05/00	6/02/00	8/31/00	8/28/00